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Enclosed for filing is a patent application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of:

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For: **METHOD FOR PROVIDING INCENTIVE TO PLAY GAMING  
DEVICES CONNECTED BY A NETWORK TO A HOST COMPUTER**

This application is a ☒ continuation, ☐ divisional, ☐ continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. 08/672,217, filed June 25, 1996.

Prior application info: Examiner: J. Cheng      Group Art Unit 3713

Applicant requests FIG. 1 to be published with the application.

Enclosures:

- ☒ Specification (pages 1-64); claims (pages 65 - 69); abstract (page 70)
- ☒ 34 sheet(s) of FORMAL drawings
- ☒ Declaration or Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
  - ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
- ☒ Incorporation by Reference--The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 CFR 1.27)
- ☒ Copies of Information Disclosure Statements with Form PTO 1449s and Form 892s from prior application
- ☒ Return Postcard

| <u>CLAIMS AS FILED</u> |              |              |           |           |
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- ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 21-27 of the prior application Serial No. 08/672,217 before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- ☒ Please insert the following as the first paragraph of the specification in this application, below the title of the invention:

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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$355 (ck. no. 033003) to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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